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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ECON, WA

SUBJECT: ROSSING URANIUM MINE

REF: PRETORIA 1606

REFTEL (PARA 15) STATES THAT OPENING OF ROSSING URANIUM MINE
HAS BEEN DELAYED 18 MONTHS DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES.
DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN UNDER IMPRESSION THAT ROSSING WENT
INTO PRODUCTION IN LATE 1976 ALTHOUGH CURRENT PRODUCTION
IS LIMITED DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. IN VIEW OF
CONTINUING CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN NAMIBIAN URANIUM
PRODUCTION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES PROVIDING US
WITH AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON CURRENT STATUS OF ROSSING
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OPERATION. IF ROSSING IS IN PRODUCTION, WE WISH TO KNOW
WHETHER URANIUM IS NOW BEING EXPORTED TO THE UK OR, IF NOT,
WHEN EXPORTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE. WE ALSO WISH
CONFIRMATION OF OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT TOTAL
PRODUCTION OF ROSSING IS OR WILL BE EXPORTED TO UK. DOES
THE UK GOVERNMENT PURCHASE FULL AMOUNT OF CURRENT ROSSING
PRODUCTION FOR STOCKPILE PURPOSES? IF NOT, IS A PORTION

OF PRODUCTION BEING SOLD TO POWER COMPANIES OUTSIDE OF THE
UK? WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER ROSSING URANIUM
IS OR WILL BE SHIPPED FROM WALVIS BAY OR ANOTHER SOUTH
AFRICAN PORT.
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